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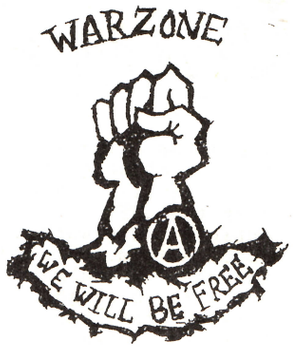
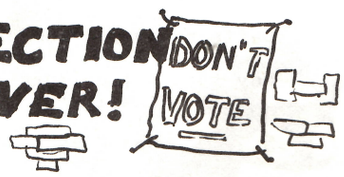


ELECTION FEVER!



Well, we just thought we make a little comment on the forthcoming council elections on 17th May.

If you're old enough and unfortunate enough to be registered to vote, go in and spoil your vote- writing obscenities or revolutionary remarks on the paper, marking off more than one candidate all help to waste their time and confuse their elections.

One bright spark last year set light to his ballot paper, and threw it in to the box, thus destroying all the votes from that polling station.

If you haven't yet reached that stage where the government say you're old enough to decide your fate - lucky you! Encourage those who are against it, sabotage your school where the voting is going on.

Don't think that there is a lesser of two evils -there isn't!! Don't vote!!

ADOLF AND MAGGIE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

Is it my imagination, or are the 100th anniversary of Adolf Hitler's birth, and the 10th anniversary of our esteemed leader, Mrs. T's coming to power being celebrated at the same time? Whilst being inundated with features, articles and programmes about that good old Ayran cowboy, Adolf, we are similarly flooded with synopsises on the reign of Thatcher. If she is to be compared with King Duncan, fair and good, long live Macbeth! Don't forget that fascism is to be found behind the fairest of faces (if Mags could be said to be "fair of face"..) Coincidence, or synchronicity?

50 political prisoners are currently on hunger strike in West Germany for the rights of free association which "ordinary" prisoners are entitled to. Full details of their demands and who exactly is involved has been included in the first issue of "Ecomedia Belfast" newsheet (available from the Warzone address). Most of the prisoners are from the Red Army Faction, though there are other anarchist and anti nuclear prisoners.

A support group has been set up in Belfast, which has met twice at "Giro's cafe", and has printed leaflets, also organised a picket outside the West German embassy in Dublin which was attended by people from the support group, the Irish Republican Socialist party (who seemed to show a larger strength of "banners" than people) and the Warzone collective, amongst others.

A petition has also been drawn up for people to sign. The strike has been going on since February, and many prisoners are now at a critical stage. We are hoping pressure from other countries might move the W. German government to take some action. The next step is to organise a public meeting in Conway Mill in West Belfast which we are hoping will be attended by some relatives of the hunger strikers. The address to contact for the support group is.. W.G.H.S.G., 7 Winetavern Street. Belfast BT1.

FREE MARTIN FORAN

BELFAST ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS

MARTIN FORAN UPDATE

The support group has been working hard at trying to get publicity in local papers etc. on his behalf. Martin Foran is dying in prison because of inadequate care by the prison wardens and governor., and is actually in prison for something which he is innocent of. An article was printed in the Sunday News (7th May,'89) which explained his side quite well. Our next step is to hold a night vigil on his behalf to get publicity. It will be held in Cornmarket in Belfast on Sat.,3rd June, from 5pm to 10pm, and we need as many people as possible to help out. Come equipped with a placard, some grub etc. We will be contacting all the local press before the vigil. A reggae disco held at the Art College on 28th April,'89 raised £90, £70 of which was sent to Valerie Foran, the other £20 is being kept to have postcards printed with the governor's address at the prison he is currently in on them asking for his release. We will be distributing the postcards as soon as they are ready (hopefully to coincide with the vigil) But we need people to write to the governor NOW! The address is...The Governor, HMP Frankland, Brasside, Durham. DH1 5YP.

COMIC BOOK REVOLUTION

For those of you who haven't already read it, "V for Vendetta" is a must. it's a series of 10 comics written by Alan Moore about an Orwellian state (Britain) in the 1990's, where a revolutionary anarchist (called "V") resists and eventually wins, in a complicated sort. This is as valuable a boost to anarchy as any socio- political treatise has been. Read it and you'll think, you'll wonder and you'll be enraptured....

toil in the soil

Yep after all this time talking about getting land we've finally managed to do just that. Following an article in Network magazine about Giro's and our quest for land a nice man got in touch and offered 18 acres just outside Crossgar (19 miles from the centre). Of this 18 acres we're using about 4 for growing on, the same for living on, about the same again for the guy's horses and the rest is bog which we don't want to drain because its lovely and theres lots of nice wee things living on it. So far we've been getting the land ready for growing and fencing our plot off so the horses don't eat our hard work. We're hoping to work on a rota basis so that there aren't too many people there at the one time. If you're interested in working on the land or donating tools, seeds or whatever get in touch with us at the Warzine address.

A CLEANER BELFAST ?

As part of the Yuppification of Belfast City Centre the RUC have brought in a new divisional commander and a right bastard he is too. At a recent gig in the Art College people sitting outside were hassled by the friendly neighbourhood stormtroopers who informed them that they were in for a lot more hassle as the new DC wasn't taking any shit from anyone. A few weeks later a group of people were arrested for 'begging' in Castle Street. They were informed that the City Centre Streets were being cleared of Beggars, Alcoholics, dirty looking people.... This seems to tie in with the recent harassment of punks living in the Holyland, another target area for big investment to attract bigger investment (the lower Ormeau Development). Part of the plans are to build a floating restaurant on the Lagan, just what the underprivileged of South Belfast need eh ? To succeed with this the planners need to make the surrounding area look presentable by painting the slums and getting rid of the 'rough element' (people who have an ounce of wit and want to keep the yuppies out of Belfast). So who will win the day ? Will Belfast be turned into a businessmans car park at the expense of our homes and our freedom of movement, or will people wise up and start to organise themselves against the yuppie invasion ? Either way its going to be a long hot summer.

GIGS

Hello again, yet another gig report.

On April, 1st Generic, Next World, and Yan Tree played with Pink Turds in Space, and Sledgehammer. The tv cameras were there as part of a programme some folk from Warzone are involved in about the pros and cons of money. Speaking of which, the breakdown of money was lost (as it was amongst the money that was stolen from our van - more about that later on) so I can't tell you about that, but everyone's expenses were just covered.

The following week, Joyce McKinney Experience played with Not our World from Dublin, FUAL, and Scorched Earth.Again the breakdown of money was lost, but again, expenses were just covered, forby £80, which had to be taken fron Dublin. But returning from the Dublin gig, our van was broken into, and that money (IR.£100) was taken, along with two bags with money, personal belongings etc.

On 13th april, there was a benefit gig at trendy nitespot "The Limelight" and £40 was raised for the centre from that.
Chaotic Subversion and Dreadful from Glasgow played (ID Parade had to pull out last minute due to work commitments), with Evil Priest and Catharsis. Unfortunately, for whatever reason folk didn't bother turning up, so only £330 was lifted at the door, the bands got £140. At Mcgonagles, everyone lost money because of poor turnout, the bands got IR£130 (including £30 for Bald Aggression from Donegal), the Dublin gig folk lost £50, and we lost £30 (on petrol).

On 6th April, Indian Dream played. The crowd again was fucking awful, its sickening to think that people would rather sit in the park just so they can drink the afternon away, than spend a couple of hours supporting something which is meant to be our alternative to ripoff gig promoters, we should be supporting local and not so local bands, not supporting Belfast city council or Guinness breweries!!!! £200 was all that was taken, and after a whip round, another £30, meaning we couldn't take the money to play for the hire of the hall, in reality, meaning we lost £100. Indian Dream got £100, and from Dublin another £50, so loosing at least £20 on their trip. As well as loosing £20, their bass guitar also "disappeared", we don't even know where yet, but it happened on Sunday, on top of all that the van broke down on Friday night, and more hassles on Sunday night!!!

Some of the gigs we have organised are having to be cancelled because we just can't afford to loose any more money, please start to come to gigs if you don't already, or we will have to stop putting on gigs altogether, and this is going to happen very soon if things don't start to improve.

Definate up and coming gigs...

May 13th Art college
Instigator, Snuff, Sledgehammer, and God Cops

May 20th Giro's cafe!
Anhrefn, Not Our World

June 17th. Art College.
From Germany....
Bad News from the Frontier

July 15th Art college
From USA.....
Victims' Family, with Bad Beach

August 26th
Decadence Within

THE SHOCK HORROR ANHREFN COVER UP!!

Anhrefn do not scrub 7up's back in the shower, contrary to popular opinion. for those of you who don't know by now, the Welsh language band played in Belfast on March 5th at a gig sponsored by 7up (a subsidiary of that notroious multinatinal hoodlum, Coca cola). They had no knowledge of 7ups involvement with the gig until they arrived. Once on stage they refused to play with a 7up advertisemnet in front of them, and removed it. Suffice it to say, 7up didn't (hopefully) benefit much from the gig. There was a fairly low turnout, poeple attempted to burn/ rip/ steal their promotional banners, and of the 120 litres or so of the 7up drink supplied to the gig, a grand total of 4 bottles were sold!

Please don't boycott the coming Anhrefn gig (20th May), or slag the band out of ignorance (bit added by the typist...if you have a problem about it, come along and sort it out with them and don't slag them behind their backs). They are the nicest people you could know, and devote a lot of their time and effort to doing benefits for Hunt sabs etc. "Cydd Glamys annwn Llanglen" as they say in Wales!

MAKE WAR NOT LOVE
THE ELEPHANT AND CASTLE. JACK HAD LOOKED UP AT IT EVERY DAY AT HALF PAST SEVEN AS HE JOURNIED TO WORK. BEFORE THE WAR.
(A)
AHH.. I WAS FORGETTING THAT WE ARE NOT PROPERLY INTRODUCED.
DO NOT HAVE A NAME. YOU CAN CALL ME V.

Welcome to ENGLAND! ENGLAND IS A HAPPY Country
Here is A happy english Buisnessman, hating his money, he spends it all
On Bibles for Cambodia and a charity to Preserve the Indian
Cobra from extinction
I'm sorry you cant see our happy Coalminers
Listen and you can hear them singing welsh hymns underground
oh! the singing seems to have stopped
No that is not SAint FRANCIS of ASSISI That is the happy Policeman
Here is the happy BLACKMAN. No, it is not ; legal to be black. Not yet.
Here are the slums, they are Preserved as a tourist attraction.
Here is a happy slum dweller, hello, slum dweller.
No his answer is impossible to translate
Here are some happy english school children. See JOHN. See SUSAN, See MIKE
JOHN will get his O'levels, and get an O'level Job, an O'level wife, and an O'level house
SUSAN will get her A' levels, and get an O'level Job, an A'level husband, and an A'level house
MIKE will fail
Here are some happy english Soldiers, they are going to Ulster the Irish hate.
To Please understand, we understand the irish, because we've been
Sending soldiers to Ireland for hundreds and hundreds of years
First we tried to educate them with religion, famine and sword:
But the irish were slow to learn
Then we tried to educate them with reason, Poverty and unemployment
They became silent, sullen, violent.
So now we are trying to educate them with truncheons, internment and torture.
We are trying to educate the irish to be as happy as us
And if your Country should be Forced to educate
Another Country in the same way
Or your own citizens in the same way
We will try to understand you

(by Adrian Mitchell, Somewhere, Some time)

JERUSALEM STREET UPDATE

As you may remember, a house in the above mentioned street was raided on 1st March resulting in severe beatings, and several arrests.

The curfews were finally lifted although it took about a month to do so, following the magistrate being on his holidays! The 13 people involved are still being charged - 11 with disorderly behaviour, 2 with actual bodily harm, and they will all appearin court again on June 3th. There has been many complaints filed against the police, people (not just the people involved, but local residents also) have been making statements about the incident over the last two or three weeks, at Donegall pass Police station. Well, that's it for now, another update next time.

JERUSALEM OR BABYLON

(SPG DEM A MURDERER)

Blues party,
happy people reaching each other,
Music dancing over the cry of oppression.
Door come crashing down,
people falling down,
Trucheons flying,
mournful body contact,
Police dealing with a noise complaint.
Drag the sleepers to awake with punches,
Punch the happy people looking for each other,
Standing there frustrated,
brick hits policeman,
Standing defending the kicks,
law breaking
Trucheons crashing heads,
heads kissing walls,
Screaming to stop,
please stop this.
Police dealing with a noise complaint .

Danny '89

AN EXAMPLE TO ALL!

The sensationalist reports of unruly and indescriminate rioting in Risley remand centre in Cheshire has left the public with even more reinforced views of the goodies and the baddies, the wardens and the prisoners.

In reality, the "mindless violence" left hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of damage to an oppressive institution, with no physical injuries to anyone! It seems that this was a well planned and organised piece of direct action, and just shows that even though the prisoners are locked away, are still occassionally able to make their feelings felt very clearly. Don't forget, every prisoner is a political prisoner! Let's hope there's some more of this "mindless violence" in the future!!!

All articles in this issue have been written by individuals from Warzone collective, and each author doesn't necessarily agree with evevything that is written.

Warzine needs contributions from all over Ireland, and we will print all articles (so long as they're not party political,sexist,or racist). So get writing!

We also rely on donations to keep the newsheet going, so any are gratefully appreciated, as are sae,s with all mail.

The deadline for articles for the next issue, is Thurs. 29th June.

Warzone, PO Box 148, Belfast, Btl. Northern Ireland.

ECOMEDIA VISIT

On 5th April, 4 people from Toronto Ecomedia arrived in Belfast for a short stay. They had travelled across the Atlantic for the ABC conference in Bradford on the 15th, but wanted to see some of Belfast before then.

During their visit, we were able to have a meeting with them when we were interviewed for the radio programme they put out. Hopefully, they returned with some positive views on what Warzone and other groups get up to.

Their visit certainly motivated us into starting an ABC group in Belfast, which is what we are in the process of doing now. The Anarchist Black Cross is a prisoner's support group which is there to support and ultimately free anarchist and similarly aligned prisoners, or those wrongly imprisoned because of discrimination, their beliefs etc. Since we became involved with setting up this group, we have done lots of work concerning Martin Foran, and the West German hunger strike, and a little of other prisoners. We hope to become a lot more active in the future, but we really need people to take on much of the work, as many of us are already bogged down with lots of other stuff, so if you want to help out, please write to the main Warzone address, writing ABC group on the envelope.We will be having a meeting to see who is interested in the group, and it will be held on Wed. 31st May at 7.30pm, in Giro's cafe (off Donegall Street, beside the Newsletter). Everyone is invited to attend.

BELFAST ABORTION FUND

(DRAWING FROM WOMEN'S NEWS)

Various women's groups, and others have come together to work on the abortion fund. One great problem to try and be conquered is people's attitudes (I find it quite amusing - if it wasn't so serious - and sadly not surprising that the official policy of the two universities here is one of anti abortion, and yet pro legalising cannabis. Unfortunately, this has meant fundraising gigs are out the window)

We now have a bank account which can be directly credited, or you can make a standing order to the account (meaning a certain amount is donated to our fund on a regular basis according to your choice) The account is Belfast Abortion Fund Account Number 93415175, Bank of Ireland, 92 Royal Avenue. For all other correspondance the address is PO Box 148, Belfast Bt1. When writing to the abortion fund, please do NOT write Warzone on the envelope, so that no-one can confuse the mail.

GETTING A KICK - OR SHOULD YOU BE ?

Shoplifting seems cooler than ever these days, now that the sun's come out of hiding, and you can do it with shades on. Son't get me wrong, big shops, and corperations deserve all they get, but I'm talking about the little shops, eg. health food shops.

You go in, head towards the back of the shop with your goodies thinking "How slack! The shop attendant/ owner isn't even watching me! They deserve to have their stuff nicked!". And so item after item slips into your pocket, day after day, week after week. Often the things are luxuries, or silly things you wouldn't normally buy, or get so much of. That's all part of the game.....

Trust. you abuse it. the shopkeepers aren't slack or stupid - they trust you and expect integrity in return. Isn't that what our brave, new world is all about; what we strive for among those ideallistic peaks? A world where we can trust and be trusted.

Is that why anarchy doesn't work? Because no matter how much us petty little idealists fantasize about how good we're going to be to each other, and how beautiful the earth is going to be, at the heart of it all we're just greedy self centred bastards like the rest of them, one and all.

Yes! Deny it! Deny that statement! Contemplate it, then DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT! Make it unreal. you've heard it a thousand times before - "Think, then act" etc etc, blah, blah, blah. well, it is true. We must continually revaluate our lives if our hopes are to be fulfilled.

And so, with shoplifting: if you are starving and penniless -you take that food if you can get it. If it's part of a campaign against an unsound company or shop, go ahead and do it. But otherwise, think a wee bit further ahead than the thrill of getting away with it, and scoffing the chocolate like a 5 year old afterwards. what if the shop goes out of business and you have nowhere to buy your soya etc. In a free world there would be no theft - think!

CENTRE NEWS

Since last time, our 2nd birthday party was held, that is, 2nd birthday of the official opening of "Giro's cafe". Food was being sold, and the idea was to raise some money to replace all that we have lost through breakins. Unfortunately (and typically) folk with large carryouts cried poverty and only about ½ the people paid in, we actually lost money on the food. £50 was raised.

Our old van finally passed it's psv (mot), but we're being charged £400 for the work that was done to enable it to go through. We're planning to sell the van as our new minibus is now on the road and has been for about a month now. It cost us £350 , but the insurance is nearly £1,000 a year!, plus all running cost on top of that. Still, we find it really necessary to have transport now.

The beautiful window grills to keep the burglars out are nearly ready to go into place following weeks of work on them. This is just one of the security measures we're doing to make the place harder to steal from.

We finally got a new phone (following a repair bill of £150 for the pay phone when it was smashed up at the first break in)(Yes! If you didn't know already, we had another breakin with a guitar and our stereo being stolen, and repairs to the damage done coming to nearly £300). Anyway, the new trendy yuppie black phone is about 1/5 of the cost of the payphone to rent, so it's a good idea. We also have been donated a kiln, but we don't know how to use it yet, or where to put it either!!

The library now has over 400 books, and about 40 members, so it's going pretty well.

Finally, we have been printing posters for the gigs ourselves, and some for other folk as well.

So, that's about it for now.

DONATIONS...

We're receiving a 90watt pa amp from Carlsbro in the next week or so, following begging letters which were sent out to many large musical instrument wholesalers.
We also got £100 donation from Concrete Sox and Plum, and 50 Generic singles "Torched", and 14 Indian Drean singles plus some other stuff from them, so we are very grateful to them all.